(c) Allotment of stalls is done by the Zonal Railways by inviting applications from the professional/reputed caterers. Applications received are screened by a Screening Committee and contract awarded to the most suitable candidate on merits, after approval from competent authority. Howeveer, in case of small and roadside stations, preference is given to SC/ST candidates.

(d) State-wise figures of allotments are not being maintained.

Capacity utilisation of railway route

2845. DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the percentage of capacity utilisation of Vijayawada-Secunderabad routes via Nadikude as well as Vijayawada-Secunderabad via Kazipeta;

(b) what is the incidence of punctuality of trains on boths routes;

(c) whether there is congestion on any of the two;

(d) if so, what steps are taken to relieve congestion; and

(e) what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI K. C. LENKA): (a) Percentage of capacity utilisation on Vijayawada-Nadikude-Secunderabad and Vijayawada-Kazipeta-Secunderabad routes are 115.7 per cent and 94.5 per cent, respectively.

(b) The average punctuality of trains on the Vijayawada-Nadikude-Secunderabad is 80 per cent while on the Vijayawada-Kazipeta-Secunderabad routes it is 70 to 80 per cent.

(c) Yes, Sir. Both the routes are congested.

(d) Conversion of Secunderabad-Dronachellam, Gutur-Guntakkal, Manmad-Parbhani-Parli Vaijnath and Adilabad-Parbhani sections is being done which will relieve congestion on these routes.

(e) Position about conversion is given below:—

Section	Length (in Kms.)	Cost (Rs. in Crores)	Likely date of completion
Secunderabad—Dronachellam—Bolarum	331	226.4	1994-95
Guntur—Guntakkal—Kalluru	458	225.0	1995-96
Adilabad—Parbhani	248	212.8	1995-96
Manmad—Parbhani—Parli Vaijnath	354	140.54	1993-94

उत्तर प्रदेश में छोटी लाइन का बड़ी लाइन में परिवर्तन

2846. श्री राम नरेश यादव : क्या रेल मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या उत्तर प्रदेश के पूर्वी जिलों में छोटी लाइन को बड़ी लाइन में परिवर्तित किए जाने की कोई योजना है;

(ख) यदि हां, तो उसका पूरा ब्यौरा क्या है ; और

(ग) इस योजना के कब तक पूरा कर लिए जाने की संभावना है ?

रेल मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री के०सी० लेंका) :(क) से (ग) उत्तर प्रदेश के पूर्वी जिलों में कोई छोटी लाइन नहीं है।